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EO 12065: GDS 5/31/85 (CLARK, WILLIAM) OR-P  
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SUBJECT: (U) NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES IN CARIBBEAN AREA

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 2351 (NOTAL), (B) BRIDGETOWN 2080  
- (NOTAL)

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED RECENT NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES IN GUYANA AND GRENADA WITH DIRECTOR CHO OF FOREIGN MINISTRY CENTRAL AMERICA DIVISION MAY 31. CHO SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF NORTH KOREAN AGRICULTURAL ADVISERS IN DISPUTED AREA OF GUYANA, BUT HE WAS NOT SURPRISED. HE HAD HEARD RUMORS OF A POSSIBLE SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN GUYANA AND NORTH KOREA AND FELT THAT THEY WERE  
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PROBABLY TRUE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE NEW ROK AMBASSADOR TO GUYANA, RESIDENT IN VENEZUELA, HAS ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES IN PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE GEORGETOWN GOVERNMENT, AND ADDED THAT THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO ACCREDITING AMBASSADOR FROM SOME OTHER CAPITAL TO AT LEAST REMOVE THE TAINT OF THE VENEZUELAN ASSOCIATION.

CHO SAID THAT THE ROKG HAD DISCUSSED WITH GUYANA A YEAR AGO THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, AND HAD BEEN TAKEN ABACK WHEN THE REQUEST CAME FOR TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. THEY HAD OFFERED A JOINT VENTURE IN FISHING INSTEAD, BUT NOTHING HAD COME OF IT.

3. CHO WAS ALSO AWARE OF GRENADA'S DECISION TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. HE REPORTED, MOREOVER, THAT SOME NORTH KOREAN MILITARY JEEPS HAD BEEN SEEN IN GRENADA, AND HE ASSUMED THAT OTHER MILITARY SUPPORT MAY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AS WELL.

4. CHO SAID THAT THE ROKG IS FOCUSING INCREASING ATTENTION ON THE APPARENTLY EXPANDED NORTH KOREAN EFFORTS IN LATIN AMERICA. THE ROK FINANCE MINISTRY IS NOW STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF A ROKG CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. CHO DID NOT DISCUSS THE AMOUNT THAT MIGHT BE PROVIDED, HOWEVER. GLEYSTEN

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